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ICE DEPORTS BRITISH NATIONAL WHO USED HIS DECEASED BROTHER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A BRITISH PASSPORT

MIAMI- A 41-year-old citizen of the United Kingdom who entered the country by using a passport in his deceased brother's name was deported to his country of origin by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deportation officers on Feb. 22.

Stuart Paul Smith entered the country on Aug. 22, 2005 through Philadelphia under the Visa Waiver Program, under which citizen of selected countries- including the United Kingdom - are allowed to enter the United States using a passport in lieu of a nonimmigrant visa.

Smith presented himself for admission as Steven James Smith, his deceased brother. Smith allegedly obtained a passport in the United Kingdom by providing officials there with his brother's birth certificate. It is alleged that he obtained his passport through fraud by misrepresenting himself to authorities.

Smith was subsequently arrested on Sept. 22, 2005 by the Lee County Sheriff's Office for driving under the influence (DUI). He was later arrested by ICE agents on Feb. 7 and charged with violating the conditions of the visa waiver.

"Those who think that they can evade justice by seeking to hide in the United States need to think twice," said Michael Rozos, field office director for the Office of Detention and Removal in Florida. "We are committed to working with other nations in our effort to restore integrity to our immigration system."

Smith was turned over to officers of the Merseyside Police in London.

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) is promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.

